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if we don't want to do it, it is not germane. My sense is the body wants to do it so it is germane. That is my argument. It is simple. It is rational and frankly it is the only consistent argument that we have made on this floor and I want to argue for consistency at this late hour.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, St. Germaine is in the middle lobby. I am talking about Senator Beutler. But you notice that when Senator Beutler attempts to defend the germaneness rule, he says it is to avoid...I mean it is to keep people from avoiding the committee system, weakening it by adding an amendment which was a bill that was killed and all the other reasons. Well, now what you are doing by using the germaneness rule, and Senator Beutler is the master of this, without having to offer a kill motion, without having to even deal with an amendment, you get the body if they don't like it to just say it is not germane and then it is done away with. Here is what I think and we ought to consider, the Legislature's germaneness rule is narrower than what the courts have said and it is narrower than a dictionary definition so it becomes a nonrule which is invoked to get at certain individuals, not the issues, because Senator Beutler's amendment that was passed as a part of LB 451 this morning had been ruled not germane a few days before subsequently was ruled to be germane. So perhaps what we ought to do at least in the interest of fairness, that is going to kill my argument because fairness is certainly not a hallmark of the Legislature, at least if I am involved, but for the rest of you, it would be easier for you all to know what rules you are going to have for the other 48 if you said that the issue of germaneness must be raised at the time the offering is made. I agree with Senator DeCamp on that because it would save time and it would give notice of what rule we are going to play by or the rest of you are going to play by. Personally, I would like to see somebody dealt with unjustly this morning in the same way I have been dealt with so many times in this Legislature but I am the lightning rod who draws the unjust treatment and it is expected that I will be treated unjustly. But if you are going to do it to each other, start now and find that this operation that is being before you is not germane. Kill it all, Sam, I applaud you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move we recess until one-thirty.